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## YOUNG AUDIENCES GRANT SUPPORTS MUSIC TOURS

Young Audiences, Inc., has awarded \$4,000 to the University of Montana to help the School of Fine Arts take musical programs to school children during 1968-69, Fine Arts Dean Charles W. Bolen announced. This is the third consecutive grant from the national organization, he said.

The touring units are the UM Opera Ensemble, a student organization directed by Prof. John Lester, and the Montana String Quartet, resident faculty group. Last year the two units presented programs and conducted clinics for more than 22,000 school children.

The dean said that Dr. Kurt R. Miller, associate professor of music, has been named Montana coordinator for Young Audiences, Inc., which was founded in 1950 to introduce elementary pupils to good music. He succeeds Dr. Lloyd Oakland, who guided the Montana program from its inception three years ago until his retirement from the University faculty Aug. 1.

The program was launched in Montana when the Montana String Quartet was one of three groups in the nation selected by Young Audiences to present chamber music programs in schools. The quartet is comprised of Eugene Andrie and Gerald Doty, violinists; Eugene Weigel, violist, and Florence Reynolds, cellist. The Opera Ensemble was added last year.

The support the tours receive from Young Audiences is supplemented by a grant from the Montana Arts Council, according to Dean Bolen, chairman of the council. The MAC is the state agency that administers grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, he explained.

The schools that engage the performers also bear part of the expense of the tours, he said.